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To get the most out of this devotion, set aside time to read the scriptures referenced throughout.

Hermit crabs are fascinating creatures. Their soft abdomens leave them vulnerable to predators, so for protection, they live in abandoned shells that they carry everywhere. When a threat comes, they simply tuck themselves tightly inside their borrowed homes until the danger passes.

It can be tempting to do that when something threatens us or our resources. Often, we hoard wealth, possessions, or even our time. But Scripture tells us to do the opposite. For instance, [Proverbs 11:25-26](#) says, "A generous person will be prosperous, and one who gives others plenty of water will himself be given plenty. One who withholds grain, the people will curse him, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it."

Notice there are no caveats, no exceptions to this wisdom. We are meant to be givers out of a sense of gratitude toward the One who gives to us so lavishly ([Matthew 7:7-12](#); [2 Corinthians 9:6](#)). Because we serve a God of abundance, we too can give abundantly, knowing our Father will always provide for our needs.

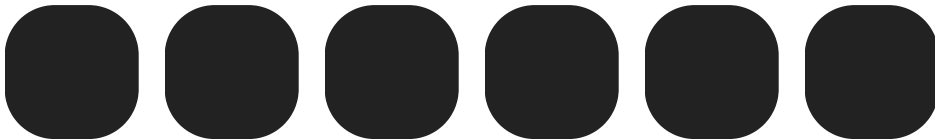
Think about it

Take a look at the many things you're blessed to own or experience. Offer a prayer of gratitude for them, and ask God to help you decide what should be shared with others.

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